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TAGS: ETRD, MTN, JA, US

SUBJECT: STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT FOLLOW-UP: JAPANESE

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF JANUARY 13, 1978

CABINET DECISION LIBERALIZING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

PRACTICE

REF: (A) TOKYO 5932, (B) TOKYO 5273, (C) STATE 55422,

(D) TOKYO 3256, (E) GENEVA 4435, (F) TOKYO 4351

SUMMARY: FINANCE MINISTRY HAS RELEASED TEXT OF ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE FROM BUDGET BUREAU TO ALL GOJ MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES DATED APRIL 1, 1978 IMPLEMENTING THE JANUARY 13, 1978 CABINET DECISION ON LIBERALIZING GOJ PROCUREMENT PRACTICE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOJ IS RELEASING TEXT IN GENEVA APRIL 10-11 AS INDICATION OF GOJ FOLLOW THROUGH ON UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT COMMITMENTS IN USHIBA-STRAUSS AND EC-GOJ JOINT STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING FOLLOW-UP OF EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH FINANCE MINISTRY CONCERNING USG INTEREST IN AND SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET DECISION OF JANUARY 13, 1978 (TEXT REFTEL D) BUDGET BUREAU LEGAL

OFFICE RELEASED TEXT OF ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE TO ALL GOJ MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES WITH SPECIFIC STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING CABINET DECISION.

2. THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE NUMBER 875, DATED APRIL 1, 1978 CALLS FOR SEVEN SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN CURRENT GOJ ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT. (SEE REFTEL (B) GOJ PROCUREMENT ENTITIES AND REFTEL (A) GOJ GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.) THE SEVEN IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE ARE:

- A. GREATER USE OF PUBLIC TENDER PROCUREMENT RATHER THAN RELIANCE ON EASIER NON-COMPETITIVE PRIVATE CONTRACT SYSTEM PROVIDED FOR IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.
- B. GREATER PUBLICITY FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN TRADE PUBLICATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, AND OFFICIAL BULLETINS, AND MORE CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF POSTED NOTICES.
- C. GREATER SPECIFICITY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- D. EXTENDING BIDDING DEADLINES BEYOND THE CURRENT UNCLASSIFIED

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- LEGAL 10 DAYS FOLLOWING PUBLIC TENDER ANNOUNCEMENTS.
- E. EXTENDING THE BIDDING PERIOD FOR SELECTED TENDER PROCUREMENT EVEN THOUGH THE LIMITS ARE NOT SPECIFIED FOR SELECTED TENDER PROCUREMENT UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.
- F. EXTENDING THE TIME FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN LISTS OF QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR GOJ MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES.
- G. MAKING USE OF POSTAL BIDDING PROCEDURE.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOJ WILL RELEASE SUBJECT FINANCE MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE IN GENEVA MTN IN RESPONSE TO US AND EC PRESSURE TO LIBERALIZE GOJ PROCUREMENT PRACTICE AS EXAMPLE OF GOJ FOLLOW-UP TO USHIBA-STRAUSS AND EC-GOJ JOINT STATEMENTS.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW-UP ON SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN GOJ MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES, AND REPORT CHANGES IN ACTUAL GOJ PROCUREMENT PRACTICE AS SOON AS EVIDENT.

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